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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, SA, UK

SUBJECT: SAG TO RENEW BRITISH AIR DEFENSE CONTRACT

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MODA HAS DECIDED TO EXTEND THE AIR DEFENSE CONTRACT WITH BRITAIN FOR AN ADDITIONAL FOUR YEAR PERIOD (1978 TO 1982) WHEN THE CURRENT PROGRAM EXPIRES. THE NEW CONTRACT IS ESSENTIALLY SIMILAR TO THE EXISTING AGREEMENT COVERING (A) THE MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING NECESSARY FOR THE LIGHTNING AIRCRAFT, (B) THE OPERATION OF THE KING FAISAL AIR ACADEMY, AND (C) THE SUPPORT OF THE DAHRAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

2. PROGRESS IN THE MILITARY SALES CASE HAS NOW REACHED THE LETTER OF INTENT STAGE IN WHAT WILL BE A ROUGHLY 3 BILLION SAUDI RIYAL PROGRAM. THAT FIGURE DOES NOT INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION COSTS WHICH WILL RAISE THE FINAL BILL CONSIDERABLY HIGHER.

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